**Focus Group Evaluation of the Technology Discovery Lab**

As a result of the Technology Discovery Lab project, 7 moms joined their kids over five learning sessions at the Families in Transition housing complex in Manchester. The goal of the project was for both moms and their kids to learn together how to use specific technology tools. The following are comments from moms on how they felt about the program and what they learned:

**Focus Group General Comments:**

* Working together with kids is good bonding time.
* They liked working separately and then together with kids.
* 1 said she liked learning new things.
* 1 said “scary” when describing learning. She since changed her mind due to the program.
* 1 said she never follows through or commits, but she did with this and has surprised herself.
* Their kids liked it, 1 said her child asks everyday if they can come and work on the project.
* 1 said her child wants more time to work on it and has asked for more learning time.
* 2 indicated learning new technology skills
* 1 indicated gaining more self-confidence in what she can do

**Challenges:**

* 3 struggle with reading and writing
* 1 said her child knows more than she does about technology; both mom and kids were able to contribute to family project.
* 3 said they didn’t know their kids knew so much about computers + liked working with them.
* 1 mom and child asked for more time/access to projects.
* Tish Comments (FIT staff member who was present for all sessions)
* She has never seen Linda/Eddie do so much together.
* She has never seen this kind of commitment out of residents, after 7 years of working with families.
* Started with the same families as finished.  Every participant stuck it out and are vocalizing/talking in the group.
* She heard nothing negative from any family who participated.

**Conclusion:**

* Moms and kids worked well together, sharing ideas, problem solving, and learning about technology tools. And the kids who participated want to continue the learning opportunities and engage with future programs offered by the University of New Hampshire, Manchester.